

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GERALDTON

St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Administrator Fr Tai Trinh
Assistant Priest Fr Larry Rodillas
Nagle Chaplain Fr Bernard Balara

Parish Secretary: Sr Han
Pastoral Associate: Sr Ngan

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am and 6:00pm
Monday – Friday 7:00am Friday 12:05pm
Saturdays & Public Holidays 9:00am

Confessions
Friday 11:30am -11:55am
Saturday 11:00am -12:00pm & 5:30-5:55pm



St Lawrence's Bluff Point

Mass Times Wednesday 10:30am
Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 9:00am
Confessions Saturday 5:30-5:55pm or by appointment

Nazareth House

Monday-Saturday 9:30am Sunday 10:00am

St John's Rangeway Sunday Mass 8:00am

St Peter's Greenough Sunday Mass 8:00am

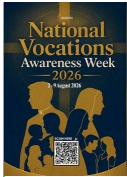
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

2nd August 2026

VOCATION VIEW: Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

National Vocations Awareness Week | 2-9 August 2026



Dear Friends,

At his recent Apostolic Journey to Spain, Pope Leo XIV offered a beautiful summary of the existential context in which many young people discern their vocation today: "For so many young people - and not only them - the question, "For whom am I?" resonates as a sincere search for meaning, belonging and self-giving. The human heart is not filled by accumulating experiences, possibilities or a fleeting sense of security; it is filled when it discovers a calling, when it understands that life reaches its fullness only if it is given away." (Address of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, 8 June, 2026.) Pope Leo's words are a reminder of the deeply pastoral character of vocations ministry. The

discovery of a calling is not just a service to the Church, but a service to the one called! It is in light of these remarks that I warmly invite you to participate in this year's National Vocations Awareness Week. NVAW is an annual, week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church. NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney and is celebrated this year from 2 – 9 August. It belongs to the mission of the entire Church to "care for the birth, discernment and fostering of vocations,

particularly those to the priesthood." (Pastores Dabo Vobis, n.34) During this week, we are invited to renew our efforts to support young people in the discernment of their vocations, recognising the existential challenges posed by our modern world and the struggle many face in the search for meaning. The Australian Conference of Catholic Bishops has made available prayers of the faithful, homily notes, and school liturgies to assist the praying Church in this mission. May God continue to send labourers into his harvest and bless His Church with vocations. Sincerely in Christ,
Father Daniele Russo

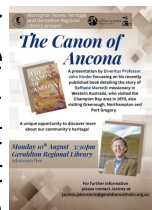
Morning Tea today

Please join in the morning tea after 9:30 Mass at either in the Divine Mercy Garden or in the Catholic Centre subject to the weather. Welcome all to have a chat with fellow community members and sip a cuppa. Those who are able to help in anyway would be greatly



Special event – Canon of Ancona

A presentation by Emeritus Professor John Kinder focusing on his recently published book detailing the story of Italian priest and professor Fr Raffaele Martelli: missionary in Western Australia will be held at Geraldton Regional Library on Monday 10th August, at 3:30 pm. After a chance encounter with Rosendo Salvado, founder of the New Norcia Mission, Fr Martelli sailed to Fremantle in 1853, at the age of 42. In 1870 he visited the Champion Bay area, as well as Greenough, Northampton and Port Gregory. For details, contact Jacita:
jacita.jakovcevic@geraldtoncatholic.org.au



Have Your Say – Maitland Park Schools Precinct

The City of Greater Geraldton invites the community to provide feedback on the proposed Maitland Park Schools Precinct Concept Masterplan and streetscape designs. Community members interested in having their say can drop-in and chat to the project team at the following time and location: at the Platform Markets on Sunday, 2 August, from 8:00am–12:00pm, or complete the survey by 9:00am on Monday, 10 August 2026. Paper feedback forms are available at the Civic Centre and the Geraldton Regional Library. For doing survey, please visit this website www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenConnect

Thank you

On behalf of Guor Michar and the people of Akot Village in South Sudan, a very big "Thank you" to the people of Geraldton and the Midwest. If you would like to donate directly to our Registered Charity, these are the bank details:

Athiolget Women's and Children's Health Association

Clinic Account – BSB 633 000 Account # 195270988

School Account – BSB 633 000 Account # 195271036

Parish Office & Holy Shop

11 Maitland Street, Geraldton, WA 6530
PO Box 46, Geraldton, WA 6531

Opening Hours: 9:00am - 1:00pm & 1:30 - 4pm Tuesday-Friday

gtonparish@geraldtoncatholic.org.au
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Parish Office: 08 9964 1608

Safeguarding Officers: 0470 207 707

If you require a priest in emergency, phone 9964 1608 (24/7)



THE RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Celebrant Families preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please come forward.

Celebrant My dear candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, You received the life of Christ when you were Baptised. On that day when you were welcomed into the Christian community, your Parents and Godparents made promises for you. Now you are old enough to speak for yourself, so today you have the opportunity of reaffirming your baptismal promises.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates I do

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and who will be given to you Sacramentally in Confirmation?

Candidates I do

Celebrant Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,



the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Candidates I do
Celebrant and People: Thanks be to God.



COMMITMENT

Celebrant Children, please make your commitment.

Candidates We will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending Mass and participating in the celebrations of our parish. We will strive to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer. We will actively participate in the Confirmation Program. We will accept the gifts that God has given us, and use them as best we can, in the parish and in the community.

Celebrant Parents and carers of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please make your commitment.

Parents We promise to help our children to prepare for their Sacrament of Confirmation by striving to set a good example in our own faith life. We will attend Mass with our children, encourage them to pray, and support them in what they are learning.

Celebrant All members of the parish community please stand to make your commitment.

Parish We the Parish Community, through our encouragement and prayers, support these families and children in their preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please present the completed commitment form (with a copy of the Baptism certificate) to the Priest

Interested in becoming Catholic ?
or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Please come join in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
Anyone wanting to explore the Catholic Faith is invited to attend the following three enquiry evenings to begin their preparation:
19th August, Wednesday at 5pm; 26th August, Wednesday at 5pm; 2nd September, Wednesday at 5pm
Venue: Seminar Room, Catholic Centre, 9 Maitland St, Geraldton.
The OCIA will take you through the phases of the process to learn everything you need to know about the Catholic Faith and its traditions during your formation as you prepare to enter the Catholic Church on your faith seeking journey at Easter 2027. You will be supported throughout by the OCIA Team during the four Phases of Evangelisation and Pre-catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment and Mystagogy.
For registration, please contact the Parish Office on 9964 1608.
For more information and enrolment form, please visit our Website by scanning the QR code or accessing the URL
<https://geraldtoncathedral.org/ocia-order-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>



Friday Fast

Please continue your generous giving. The small yellow envelopes are located at the entrance to every Church. If you need more envelopes or have any questions about Friday Fast, please contact Jan Bowen on 0438 804 191.

Commitment Masses

Confirmation Candidates this year should attend one of the Masses on the following dates for making their commitment.
Saturday 1st August 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral
Sunday 2nd August 7:30 am, 9:30am or 6:00 pm in the Cathedral
Sunday 2nd August 8:00 in St John's Church
Saturday 8th August 6:00 pm Vigil in the Cathedral

Are you or anyone you know housebound or isolated?

The Catholic Parishes of Geraldton Home Visitation Ministry can help. **We Offer:**

*Social and Emotional Support
Friendly, regular visits from trained volunteers
Connection to Parish and Community Services*

For More Information

Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997 Alison Dawson 0438 215 112
<https://geraldtoncathedral.org/visitation-ministry/>

WA Professional Standards Office
for abuse complaints against the Catholic Church

Catholic Parishes of Geraldton

Safeguarding Officers **0470 207 707**
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The widely acclaimed Jesuit Scripture scholar, Nicholas King, has produced a wonderful translation of the scriptures, striving to present the message in a form of colloquial English, designed to reflect the way the authors would have spoken in their own time. For example, Archbishop Desmond Tutu described “a splendid piece of work” that “hits you between the eyes.” Nicholas also adds his own commentary and when I saw what he said about the readings for the 18th Sunday of the Year, I was fascinated by the following comments. He spoke of “this lovely passage” from Isaiah, of Paul’s “purple passage” and of “this charming story” in Matthew. The fact that many scripture passages become very familiar may mean that, in time, we fail to notice just what “lovely” or “purple” passages they are and therefore fail to be “charmed” or moved by the message they are conveying. Like all the prophets, Isaiah often feels the need to warn us of the dangers that can lead us astray, but by the same token he also sees beyond, to how God always wants the best for us and that the best is accessible. The “lovely” picture of

God wanting to quench our thirst and satisfy our hunger is part of that unfolding narrative in the scriptures which sees the Kingdom of God in terms of a great banquet. It links us to the underlying message of this week’s gospel – the ‘Feeding of the Five Thousand’ – which, in turn, points us to the



foretaste of that banquet which we have in the gift of the Eucharist. And notice how Jesus uses the occasion of the feeding as a lesson for the apostles and for us that we are called to be the providers. The instinct of the apostles was that this was all too much for them and the people should be sent away to find food for themselves, but, of course, the Eucharist will become the ultimate sign and reminder that this is how we are to look after one another and be united through

Christ with our Father in Heaven. Finally, notice how Paul presents us with one of his many purple passages. There are times when Paul comes across as a very hard taskmaster. Often, he seems to be weighed down with his struggles and even irritated with the lack of response from some of the early Christian communities.

In chapter eight of his letter to the Romans he does indeed wrestle with the huge challenge of a disordered world, but has no problem in concluding that ultimately Christ will triumph over every problem that presents itself: “neither death nor life, nor angels or rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” May we have the confidence and the courage to go forth and proclaim that message to our troubled world.

Timothy Buckley CSsR © Majellan Media
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday, next Friday, 7th August in the Cathedral.
Morning: 11am-12pm followed by Holy Mass at 12:05pm
Evening : 7:30 - 9:30pm with Litany of St Joseph



Eucharist Adoration in Saint Lawrence’s Church

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at St Lawrence’s Eucharistic chapel. For more information, please contact Father Tai on 0407 650 229

Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4:00–5:00 pm
Sundays 3-4pm in the Nazareth House main Chapel.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website uacpallottines.au. Closing Date 31 August 2026

Parish Finances			
Contributions of 26 July 2026			
	Cathedral	Rangeway	Bluff Point
Priests’ Collection \$	1620.00	235.70	590.00
Planned Giving \$	100.00	142.00	130.00
Parish Collection \$	1343.95	235.75	481.50
Friday Fast \$	113.00		



The Pilgrim Rosary Statue of the Cathedral

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in Rosemary Taylor’s house at 18 B Queen Street from 3rd August to 14th August.



Exposition in the Cathedral

Every Thursday after 7am Mass until 8am, Saturdays 8:30-9:00 am followed by Mass.

Christan Meditation in the Crypt

Every Wednesday after 7:00 Mass, 7:30 until 8:00am. For more information, please contact Mrs Iris Bolton on 0498 162 774 and leave a short message with **your name + mediation**.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Rose Ralph, Tim Conway, Maria Salamone, Maureen Burke, Andres Rodillas, Peter Scarpuzza, Diana Bennett, Erica Pirrottina, Kim-Maree Kelly, Shirley Travis, Allan Malonzo, Pat Miragliotta, Derek Levett, Ron Coumbe, Matthew Greenlees, Ramon Tan Jr., Zenaida Tan, Colleen Salter, Sr Terri Emslie pbvm, David Muir, and Bronwyn Marsh, Pat and Lenore Thomas, Vivienne Ross



For the deceased: Frank & Lina Zinetti, Jim & Nancy Ward, Celine Stephens, and Pat Heelan

Recently Deceased: Peg Faithfull, Francesca Guagliardo, Phil Regan, Rick McAuliffe, Stephen Huu Su Nguyen (Fr Savio’s brother-in-law), Peter Fleming, Mary Moffitt (Bishop Justin’s sister); Gerry Miles (Rosemary Miles’ husband).

Please keep in your daily prayer the sick & deceased, including those grieving.

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading (Is 55:1-3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 144)

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. R.

Second Reading (Romans 35:37-39)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus

replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son;
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (**bow for the following line ***)
*born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Feasts of the Week

03 Aug	Mon	Saint Dominic
04 Aug	Tue	Saint John Vianney
06 August	Thurs	The Transfiguration of the Lord
08 Sat	Sat	Saint Mary of The Cross

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Kings 19:9,11-13 | Psalm 84 | Romans 9:1-5 | Mt14:22-33

"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)